

May 2004

## PHASE I OF 30TH ST. UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT COMPLETED

I was joined recently by Mayor Dick Murphy and two dozen community members as we cele-



brated the removal of the final utility pole marking the completion of phase I of the 30th Street undergrounding project. The \$8.5 million project is the first of

its kind in the city's history to bury massive 138 kv transmission lines.

One major benefit of this project is a change in the undergrounding policy whereby SDG&E now performs all the work for the private property owners at no cost. This change shaved approximately 18-24 months off the finish time. During the first 30 years of the program, private property owners had to hire their own contractors to convert the utility lines.

The first phase of the project runs from University Avenue to Juniper Street. Phase II, which extends the project southward to A Street, is expected to begin construction in late summer or early fall of this year, and is scheduled to be completed by December 2005.



Deputy Mayor Atkins (right) and Mayor Murphy (left) were on hand to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the 30th Street undergrounding project.

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATES METRO CAREER CENTER GRAND OPENING

More than 200 residents and business owners joined Mayor Dick Murphy and me on April 17th to celebrate the grand opening of the new Metro Career Center at 3910 University Avenue in City Heights. The Career Center, operated by the San Diego Workforce Partnership, will provide the residents of City Heights and the surrounding Mid-City communities a wealth of new job training and placement opportunities, helping to develop and train San Diego's workforce.



Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins (third from right) and Mayor Dick Murphy (third from left) are joined by (l to r) San Diego Career Opportunities Partners Chair Linda Blair Forth, City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee Chair Al Stasukevich, San Diego Workforce Partnership President and CEO Larry Fitch, City Heights resident Samantha Quiroz, City Heights CDC Executive Director Jay Powell and San Diego Revitalization Corporation Executive Vice President Jack McGrory as they cut the ribbon to open the new Metro Career Center in City Heights.

## District News

The Workforce Partnership, together with more than a dozen other partners, provides job training and employment assistance through a joint powers agreement between the City and the County of San Diego. The organization moved into the 81,500 square-foot office building from a smaller facility in Kearny Mesa. The new center is within blocks of several transit routes and next to Interstate 15 at the University Avenue exit.

## ATKINS, CHIEF BOWMAN HOST FIRE SAFETY FORUM

Approximately 30 residents turned out on April 22nd to join me, Fire Chief Jeff Bowman (pictured at right) and other Fire-Rescue and Park and Recreation Department staff for a fire safety forum held in Kensington.

Those in attendance got to discuss fire safety issues in our older, urban neighborhoods. We also got the chance to discuss the new fire codes and regulations related to brush management.



## RENAISSANCE AT NORTH PARK BREAKS GROUND

In North Park we broke ground on the \$32 million Renaissance at North Park redevelopment project which

will bring a mix of senior housing, market-rate lane homes, affordable multi-family townhomes, retail outlets and community space to the site of the former Aztec Bowl at 30th Street and El Cajon Boulevard.



## ATKINS, CITY MANAGER HOST BUDGET FORUM

On April 28th I was privileged to host our newly hired City Manager, Lamont Ewell, and representatives of the city's Financial and Management Services staff at a District Three Budget Forum (at right) to discuss and review the Fiscal Year 2005 budget for the City of San Diego.

Over 60 residents of District Three attended the forum, held in the auditorium of the newly opened Metro Career Center at 3910 University Avenue in City Heights.



# APRIL COUNCIL ACTIONS IN REVIEW

**April 12:** Approved additional \$3.3 million for the rehabilitation of the historic North Park Theatre.

**April 19:** Approved contractor and construction for ADA upgrades at the Golden Hill Recreation Center tot lot.

**April 19:** Approved the transfer of \$657,000 of North Park Special Park Fee funds for unfunded improvements at North Park Community Park. These funds will help resurface the playing fields and address some lighting concerns at the park.

**April 26:** Annual Community Development Block Grant allocations announced (see story on next page).

**April 26:** Approved acceptance of a State of California After School Education and Safety Grant in the amount of \$737,232 for the next three fiscal years for the city's 6 to 6 program.

**April 26:** Approved the consultant agreement with Kimley-Horn for the Council District Three Sidewalk Engineering Study.

## DISTRICT THREE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

I announced the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations for Fiscal Year 2005 for Council District Three on April 26th, with some of the largest commitments of funds earmarked for neighborhood revitalization projects, building purchase and rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements, and job training and micro-enterprise support programs. Other areas of funding concentration include affordable housing, public safety, ADA accessibility, HIV/AIDS services, and seniors.

With more than \$6.1 million dollars in District Three funding requests to sift through, 75 separate allocations were approved totaling \$1,400,966, which represents the amount available for this fiscal year after taking into account project management fees as well as previously committed HUD Section 108 loans for the District Three infrastructure program, the City Heights Urban Village, Camp Hope, the Food Bank, the San Diego LGBT Community Center, the Vietnamese Federation and the City's Cortez Hill family homeless shelter.

I was pleased to once again support three citywide projects recommended by the City Manager's office. Each council district and the mayor once again supported two separate Americans With Disabilities Act projects totaling \$121,444. Additionally, each of us allocated \$22,920 for citywide neighborhood code enforcement efforts, which was in addition to the \$90,000 allocated from District Three this year for pro-active code enforcement in our district.

For a complete copy of this year's District Three CDBG allocations, call George Biagi in my office at 619/236-6527.

## UPCOMING DISTRICT THREE STREET FAIRS, PARADES, CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS

### **North Park Spring Festival**

North Park, University Ave. between 30th St. and 32nd St.  
Sunday, May 16  
10am-6pm  
Contact: 619/294-2501

### **City Heights International Village Celebration**

City Heights, University Ave. between Fairmount Ave. and Euclid Ave.  
Saturday, June 5  
10am-5pm  
Contact: 619/584-1535

### **Old House Fair**

South Park, 30th and Beech streets  
Saturday, June 19  
10am-4pm  
Contact: 619/233-6679

### **AIDS Walk**

Balboa Park, 6th Avenue and Quince Street  
Sunday, October 3, 7am-Noon  
Contact: 619/291-9255

### **Lesbian and Gay Pride Rally, Parade, Festival**

Rally, Spreckels Organ Pavilion: Friday, July 30, 7:30pm  
Parade, Hillcrest, University Ave. between Normal Street and Sixth Avenue: Saturday, July 31, 11am  
Festival, Balboa Park at Sixth and Ivy streets: Sat., July 31, Noon -10pm  
Sun., August 1, 11am-8pm  
Contact: 619/297-7683

### **CityFest**

Hillcrest, Fifth Ave. between University Ave. and Upas St.  
Sunday, August 8  
10am-7pm  
Contact: 619/299-3330

### **Adams Avenue Street Fair**

Adams Avenue between Felton and 35th streets  
Saturday, September 25, 10am-9pm  
Sunday, September 26, 10am-6pm  
Contact: 619/563-0034



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## How To Contact Us

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### MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.)  
Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm  
Contact: Darlene Davies, chair: [ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu)

#### City Heights Planning Committee

4310 Landis Street, 2nd Floor  
Meets the first Monday of the Month, 6:30pm  
Contact: Michael Sprague, Chair, 619/255-7902.

#### Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill  
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm  
Contact: Steven Stratman, Chair, 619/702-6055.

#### Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way  
Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.  
Contact: Michael Powers, Chair, 619/280-5184, or email [mpvpette@cox.net](mailto:mpvpette@cox.net)

#### Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive  
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.  
Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

#### Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard  
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm  
Contact: Risa Baron, Chair, 619/284-2505.

#### Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1010 University Avenue  
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm  
Contact: David Gardner, Chair, 619/835-9501.

### MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

#### Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard  
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am  
Contact: 619/282-7329

#### City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Tuesday of every month at 8am  
at the Indo-Chinese Association, 4536 University Avenue.  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5588, San Diego, CA 92165  
Phone: 619/540-4410

#### El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Asso.

3727 El Cajon Boulevard  
Meets the second Thursday of the month, 5:30pm  
Contact: 619/283-3608

#### Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1222 Vermont Street in the  
Uptown District  
Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm  
Contact: 619/299-3330.

#### North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue  
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:30am  
Contact: 619/294-2501

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

Rick Castro (City Heights East) -- 619/515-2733  
Rick Edgil (Hillcrest) -- 619/299-7028  
Gary Gonzales (Golden Hill, South Park) -- 619/744-9500  
Ed LaVelle (North Park, University Heights) -- 619/533-5795  
Pat Norris (Fairmount Park) -- 619/531-1515  
Bill Taitano (Normal Hgts., Kensington/Talmadge) -- 619/531-2383  
Jim Tulumello (City Heights West) -- 619/516-3180

## MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

#### City Heights Project Area Committee

3795 Fairmount Avenue, Weingart Library-Community Room  
Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm  
Contact: Al Stasukevich, Chair, 619/285-1611.

#### North Park Project Area Committee

North Park Community Service Center, 3956 30th Street  
Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm  
Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977,  
or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

Jeff Gattas, Chief of Staff

## District Three Staff

**George Biagi**, Director of Communications, media, webpage, newsletter, Community Development Block Grant coordinator, LGBT community liaison, HIV/AIDS issues, Chargers, special events.

**Kim Craig**, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Normal Heights, Rules Committee, infrastructure, docket coordinator, utilities, energy, budget, women's issues.

**Stephen Hill**, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Balboa Park, South Park, Golden Hill, environment, libraries, arts and culture, Downtown redevelopment, MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, budget.

**Cheli Mohamed**, Confidential Assistant to Deputy Mayor Atkins and the Chief of Staff, office manager, scheduler, volunteer coordinator.

**Monica Pelaez**, Council Representative to Hillcrest, University Heights, Kensington, Talmadge, Police and Fire and Life Safety Services, schools, Equal Employment Opportunity, and ADA issues.

**Stephen Russell**, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to City Heights, redevelopment, Small Business Advisory Board, Development Services, Community and Economic Development, BID Council, SANDAG, budget.

**Diana Spyridonidis**, Council Representative to North Park, housing, homeless, domestic violence, Workforce Partnership, MTS, seniors, social service issues, pension.